***Application Form 2020***

National Enterprise Awards 2020 Application Form LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE KILDARE

Applicant Name: Please insert name



GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant:

Address:

Region:

Legal Status: (Tick one) Sole Trader  Partnership  Limited Company 

Date of Commencement of Business:

Phone: Business (Mob)

Website: E-mail:

# Business Information

What product or service do you supply?

Describe your own background and why you set up in business?

What are the key strengths of your business?

How and when did your Local Enterprise Office help your business? (Please include the year, type and level of support i.e. Grant aid and /or Training Supports)

Has this business been grant aided by any other government agency such as Enterprise Ireland, An Bord Bia, Leader Partnership, Inter Trade etc. (If so give details i.e. Agency, Year, Grant Amount, Type etc)

Marketing Your Business

Describe what is different or innovative about your product or service?

Is your customer base local, regional, national, international? Please give details.

How do you market your business? Do you measure the impact of these activities?

Are there potential new markets for your business and how do you plan to take advantage of these opportunities?

Social Media

What forms of social media do you use to promote your business and describe any campaigns you have undertaken?

Technology

How do you use technology in your business? Do you see this changing over the next 3 years?

The Future of your Business

What long-term plans do you have for your business and how do you see it growing and developing over the next 3 years?

Future Focus Initiatives

What actions if any have you taken to improve the sustainability of your business, improve your business carbon footprint or energy efficiency? Have you implemented any environmentally friendly business practices? Have you implemented any Lean or business process improvement initiatives in your business? What were the outcomes?

What do you see as the key threats/weaknesses to your business? How do you propose to address them?

# Employment Details

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|  | **31/12/2017** | **31/12/2018** | **31/12/2019** | **Projected 2020** |
| **Full Time** |  |  |  |  |
| **Part Time** |  |  |  |  |

Financial Details

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Business Growth** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **Projected 2020** |
| **Annual Sales** |  |  |  |  |
| **Net Profit** |  |  |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Investment** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **Projected 2020** |
| **Own Funds** |  |  |  |  |
| **Loans** |  |  |  |  |
| **Grants** |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |  |

Please provide any financial statements you feel will support your application in soft copy attached to this application.

Please provide any reports on future focus initiatives or ongoing projects and outcomes which support your application in this category if applicable.

Please provide short description of your business for inclusion in the NEA brochure – Max 50 words

SAMPLE WORDING FOR ILLUSTRATION - BROCHURE DESCRIPTION

Cork (South): Start of word count: Haven Bay Care Food Ltd. supplies a frozen range of restaurant- quality readymade meals under the 'Kinsale Gourmet' brand. The meals are handmade in Kinsale by its six staff for the retail and foodservice markets. Currently supplying all major retail multiples in Ireland, the company has also begun exporting to the UK. End of word count. Promoter: Owen O’

Brien E: [info@kinsalegourmet.ie](mailto:info@kinsalegourmet.ie) W: [kinsalegourmet.ie](http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=1p_W2urlxRKvdpHC7Bl6E4QElc1_fsk7HVO2voQaPQ&s=168&u=http%3a%2f%2fkinsalegourmet%2eie)

Kildare: Start of word count: *Insert description.* End of word count.

Promoter: Email: Website:

***(Please return your completed application form, together with a current Business Plan and financial statements such as your last end of year accounts / current year’s management accounts to*** [***localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie***](mailto:localenterprise@kildarecoco.ie) ***before 12noon on Wednesday 12th February 2020. Please include NEA Application in the subject line.***

Signed:

Date: